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Trial of Warships.
Washington, Nov. 2.—Secretary Bonaparte has approved the recommendation of Engineer in Chief Ragsdale that the standard review method be employed in the official trial of warships built under contract. The secretary holds that under the contract with the shipbuilders the navy department has the right to specify the method of trial of vessels of war previous to their acceptance, and he finds that the engineer in chief is emphatically in favor of the standardized review method as being the most accurate. He believes that it is the duty of the secretary to agree with the engineer in chief under the circumstances, and if the contractors feel that they have been unfairly treated their relief must be obtained from congress.

NO FRICTION BETWEEN TAFT AND SHONTS

CHAIRMAN OF ISTHMIAN COMMISSION DENIES REPORTS OF DISAGREEMENT.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian canal commission this week issued a signed statement practically denying that there is any friction between Secretary Taft and himself. The statement is brief and relates to recent publications to that effect. Mr. Shonts is still confined to his residence, but Mr. Bishop of the publicity division issued the statement from the offices of the Isthmian canal commission, which is as follows: "I have seen no newspaper reporter since October 26. A man claiming to be a New York newspaper correspondent called up my house on the telephone last evening. Mr. Bishop, secretary of the commission, who was with me at the time, answered the call. After listening a moment Mr. Bishop said: "There is not a word of truth in it, but Mr. Shonts is here and will speak for himself." Mr. Bishop then said: "A New York newspaper correspondent says: 'I have a story to the effect that Mr. Shonts has said that unless he can have full powers in canal matters with accountability only to the president he will resign the chairmanship of the commission.' To the correspondent I authorized Mr. Bishop to say: 'There is not a word of truth in it. My position is exactly the same today that it was when I came with the commission.'"

With regard to the public rumor of friction between Secretary Taft and myself I wish to say emphatically that they are absolutely without foundation. Over \$4,000,000 Expended. The Isthmian canal commission has issued an official statement of the receipts and expenditures under the appropriation of \$10,000,000 for construction. To that appropriation is added \$2,950 coming over from former appropriations. The statement is a summary of expenditures from June 25, 1902, to June 30, 1905. It shows a balance on the latter date of \$6,083,415, making a total expenditure of \$4,000,585. The principal sums expended are as follows: Material, supplies and equipment, \$1,187,727; waterways, sewers and roads in canal construction, \$694,292; general expense of Isthmian canal commission, \$127,715; special commissions, \$14,329; office of chief engineer, \$141,506; sanitation, \$208,641; hospitals and asylums, \$160,853; machine shop expenses, \$167,541; supplies division on the Isthmian, \$206,151; construction and repair of buildings, \$295,100; purchase of Panama railroad stock, \$155,657.

Taft Reaches Panama.
Colon, Nov. 2.—The United States cruiser Columbia left Norfolk, Va., October 28th, with Secretary Taft and his party on board has just been signalled. Public buildings, offices of the Panama railroad and other establishments are flying flags in honor of the double event, the second anniversary of the establishment of the republic of Panama and the arrival of Secretary Taft.

GERMAN INDEPENDENCE

Newspaper Expressions on the German Government's Future Policies.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The German government is apparently giving other governments to understand that Germany is strong enough to maintain and extend her position independent of other powers, and therefore cordial understandings against her or her alliances for her are not the primary concerns of German policy. Emperor William's speeches are interpreted by the diplomats here, and today the Cologne Gazette, ever regarded as giving what the government desires should be accepted as the view of the day, says: "Our ardent endeavors to convince the world of our readiness for peace have failed. Let us in future trouble ourselves less over slanders, looking neither to the right or the left of us but go straight ahead, for our aim is to strengthen our economic and political equipments and with them the self-trust that we alone, or in company of friends who are honorable friends, need not fear the whole world in arms."

These stirring sentences have been telegraphed throughout Germany for reproduction in other newspapers. The Grenzboten, a high-class weekly review of Leipzig, says in a department of the periodical, said to be written by an officer of the foreign office, that Prince von Buelow, before exerting German influence against M. Delcasse, the former foreign minister of France, was determined to accomplish whatever consequences might follow even war, because M. Delcasse's remaining in power meant that Chauvinism had obtained the upper hand in French policy.

Precisely what has happened to lead to the emperor's speeches and these and other declarations naturally are not subjects for authoritative explanation, but they are probably due to Russia's resistance to certain German proposals.

LEATHER TRUST.
Swift & Co. People Alleged to Plot Extensive Coup.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Reports were in circulation today to the effect that the leading interests in Swift & Co. are planning a coup in the leather trade similar to that executed by Armour & Co. in securing control of the United States Leather company, reorganizing it, buying in independents and forming the Central Leather company. Swift & Co. are said to have similar designs on the American Hide and Leather company. The Armour concern controls the sole leather market and the American upper leather market. The officials of Swift & Co. deny the report, as they denied the rumored increase in capital, and as they also denied the last increase until the day before it was announced.

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FOUNDER'S DAY AT CARNEGIE INSTITUTE

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ATTEND ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 2.—The tenth annual celebration of Founders' day in honor of Andrew Carnegie, founder of the institute, was as brilliantly observed at Carnegie institute this afternoon as in former years. General A. W. Greely, commander of the United States signal corps, and Melville F. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, were the guests of honor and delivered the principal addresses. Carnegie Music Hall was crowded and the exercises were enjoyed by a representative Pittsburgh audience.

JEWELS STOLEN IN TRANSIT

Duchess of Arcos, Formerly of Washington, Victim of Robbery.

Rome, Nov. 2.—The Duchess of Arcos, formerly Virginia Lowery of Washington, wife of the new Spanish minister to Italy, arrived here today from St. Petersburg, the former post of her husband. On opening her trunk it was discovered that it had been robbed in transit of jewels valued at about \$4,000.

It is supposed that the robbery took place between Turin and Rome.

Frat Men May Be Murderers

Mount Vernon, Ohio, Nov. 2.—Buried beneath a culvert 200 feet from the spot where Stuart Piersen, the Kenyon college student was ground to death by a train on Sunday, the authorities have found three lengths of blood-stained rope and a wad of absorbent cotton, also saturated with blood.

County Prosecutor Stillwell expresses the firm belief that the boy was chloroformed and then tied across the tracks as a part of initiation into a college fraternity. Stillwell says he has several persons under surveillance.

MAKING PLANS FOR DASH TO THE POLE

DR. ANTOINE VARICELLE TELLS OF ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR EXPEDITION.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 2.—Dr. Antoine Varicelle, the projector of the international polar institute, which proposes to send a party of the best known "mushers" of the Klondike country on an expedition to the North pole, reached Seattle today from Dawson. To the press, Dr. Varicelle stated that he proposed to leave Seattle next July if the expedition could be organized by that time, and proceed by boat to the most northerly point of Grant Land, where a basis of supplies or post of departure would be established, to await the most favorable time for the dash to the unexplored country.

Dr. Varicelle says that if the expedition is a success the party will pass entirely across the unexplored country, after making observations and securing information of a scientific nature in the vicinity of the North pole, and come out at Franz Josef Land, which point other expeditions made the basis of supplies.

Smallpox Dying Out

Washington, Nov. 2.—After a brief season of exciting development perceptibly last evening and the health authorities hope no more cases will result from the exposure of so many clerks, policemen and other attaches of the District government, to possible infection from the Van der Laas brothers.

Jew Baiting at Orel

Orel, Nov. 2.—Anti-Jewish riots have broken out here. Shops have been looted and many people killed or injured.

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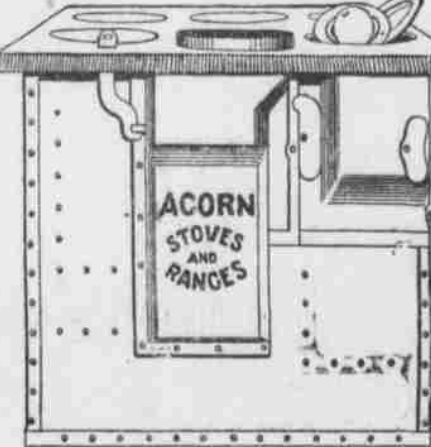
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